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SUBJ: COMMENTS BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON SPANISH
RELATIONS WITH CUBA, CHILE AND THE REST OF
LATIN AMERICA

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1. AMBASSADOR ENRIQUE PEREZ HERNANDEZ Y MORENO, DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR IBERO-AMERICA, HAD
THE FOLLOWING TO SAY REGARDING SPANISH RELATIONS WITH
CUBA, CHILE AND THE REST OF LATIN AMERICA DURING A CALL
ON HIM BY THE CHARGE JANUARY 10.

2. THE SPANISH PURPOSES IN SIGNING THE NEW, ENLARGED
TRADE AGREEMENT WITH CUBA (SEE REFTELS) WERE: (1) TO ASSURE
SPAIN OF THE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SUGAR THAT IT HAD BEEN UNABLE
TO OBTAIN FROM OTHER SOURCES AND THUS TO ENABLE IT TO
AVOID SUGAR RATIONING; (2) TO EXPLOIT TO THE MAXIMUM
SPAIN'S EXPORT POTENTIAL TO CUBA; (3) TO ACHEIVE THE
RELEASE OF 10-12 SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS
IN CUBA; (4) TO OBTAIN A COMMITMENT BY THE CUBAN
GOVERNMENT TO AGREE TO THE RETURN TO SPAIN OF TWO
TO THREE HUNDRED SPANISH NATIONALS WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD
NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO LEAVE CUBA; (5) TO OPEN THE
WAY FOR POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS ON INDEMNIZATION FOR
SPANISH PROPERTY NATIONALIZED BY THE CUBAN GOV'T;
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AND (6) TO PAVE THE WAY FOR EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.

3. THE 10-12 POLITICAL PRISONERS HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO VISAS FOR RETURN TO SPAIN HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF THE SPANISH NATIONALS, ACCORDING TO PEREZ HERNANDEZ.

4. WITH REGARD TO INDEMNIZATION FOR SPANISH PROPERTY, PEREZ HERNANDEZ SAID THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO HEAD A DELEGATION WHICH MIGHT GO TO CUBA IN FEBRUARY TO NEGOTIATE ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, THE TWO SIDES WERE FAR APART AT THE MOMENT, WITH CUBA OFFERING \$22 MILLION IN SETTLEMENT AND SPAIN ASKING \$80 MILLION. HIS OWN PRIVATE VIEW WAS THAT IF SPAIN COULD OBTAIN SOMETHING OVER \$100 MILLION THAT WOULD BE A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT. HE WOULD BE VERY RELUCTANT TO GO TO CUBA AND BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS IF HE DID NOT THINK THE PROSPECTS FOR A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT OF ABOUT THIS AMOUNT WERE GOOD. HE WOULD BE TAKING ADDITIONAL SOUNDING BETWEEN NOW AND HIS SCHEDULED TIME OF DEPARTURE.

5. WITH REGARD TO EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS, PEREZ HERNANDEZ SAID THAT THIS WOULD OCCUR SOON.

6. PEREZ HERNANDEZ ALSO SAID THAT THE LARGE-SCALE CREDITS WHICH WERE REPORTED AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT WERE TARGET FIGURES FOR EXPORT CREDITS, NOT SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS.

7. PEREZ HERNANDEZ COMMENTED THAT SPAIN'S HAVING REACHED THE AGREEMENT IT DID WITH CUBA DID NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT THE SPANISH AND CUBAN REGIMES WERE BASICALLY ANTITHETICAL. IT ONLY DEMONSTRATED A DESIRE TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS TO EXISTING PROBLEMS AND TO PROMOTE TRADE, WITHIN SPAIN'S GENERAL POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA OF ACCEPTING PLURALISM OF IDEOLOGIES.

8. PEREZ HERNANDEZ THEN WENT ON TO DISCUSS SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH CHILE, WHERE HE HAD RECENTLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR AND WITH WHOSE REGIME HE SAID SPAIN WAS OBVIOUSLY MUCH MORE IN SYMPATHY. HE NOTED THE FORTHCOMING CONFIDENTIAL

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SCHEDULED VISITS OF HIGH CHILEAN OFFICIALS TO SPAIN.

9. WITH REGARD TO GENERAL SPANISH-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS, PEREZ HERNANDEZ REPEATED THAT THEY WERE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF ACCEPTING PLURALISM OF IDEOLOGIES INsofar as SPAIN'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH THAT AREA WERE CONCERNED AND ALSO ON THE CONCEPT OF CAPITALIZING ON HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TIES

THROUGH SUCH DEVICES AS MIXED TECHNICAL AND
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